

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 30, 2007, claims 1 – 7 were rejected. Additionally, claim 7 was objected to. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 and canceled claim 7. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amended claim and the below-provided remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 7. Claim 7 has been canceled. Applicant asserts that amended claim 1 is in allowable condition.

Drawing Objection

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In particular, the Office action states that “the subject matter of claim 7 should be illustrated clearly.” Applicant asserts that the subject matter of claim 7 (now claim 1) is fully disclosed in Applicant’s specification (U.S. Pub. No. 2006/0120574 A1) at paragraphs [0012] and [0025] – [0028] and Figs. 3b and 3c. In particular, the limitations of claim 7 (as originally filed) are described with reference to Figs. 3b and 3c. Fig. 3b depicts dashed line semicircles, at the ends of line segment AB, which are equidistance from the respective point, A or B. The equidistant semicircles are provided to illustrate that the distance of interest is the distance from the point along a fingerprint line to either point A or point B. Fig. 3c depicts start and end points, points A and B, relative to a point along a fingerprint line, point C. Fig. 3c is provided to illustrate that using the technique of amended claim 1, the distance of interest from point C is determined as equal to the distance between point C and point B. In view of Fig. 3b and 3c, Applicant asserts that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.83(a) have been met. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the drawing objection be withdrawn.

Claims 2 – 6 are dependent on claim 1. Applicant respectfully asserts claims 2 – 6 are allowable at least based on an allowable claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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